

WSDOT Airport Aid Grant Program



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Presentation Outline

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Funding Source

- Approximately \$2 to \$3 million per biennium
- Fuel tax of \$.11 per gallon on general aviation fuel
- \$15.00 aircraft registration fee
- 10% of excise tax collected

How Do We Spend It?

Type of Airport	Type of Project		
	Pavement 65%	Safety 20%	Maintenance, Security & Planning 15%
NPIAS GA airports w/<20 based aircraft, and all non- NPIAS airports (41 airports) (55%)	35.75 %	11%	8.25 %
All Others (48 airports) (45%)	29.25 %	9%	6.75 %

Grant Program Criteria

- Who is eligible?
 - Any city, county, port district or federally recognized tribe.
- What types of projects are eligible?
 - RCW 47.68.090. Funds may be used for the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance or operation of airports or air navigation facilities.
- What are the rules?
 - There aren't many, but they are important.

Grant Program Overview

- Must have a master plan or airport layout plan in place prior to receiving a construction grant
- Airport must be included in Comprehensive Plan or have protective zoning in place
- NPIAS airports must access federal funds first
- Environmental review must be completed prior to receiving a construction grant
- Minimum 5% local match
- 2 ½% match for NPIAS airports receiving federal funds

Grant Program Overview

- Maximum \$250,000 in any one grant
- New construction built to FAA minimum safety standards
- Must use a professional engineer for public works construction
- Must document “In-Kind” labor and materials
- Project must support the goals and interests of WSDOT Aviation and the Washington State Aviation System Plan



How to Apply for Airport Aid Grant Funds



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- [Airport Aid Grant Application Form](#) (pdf 217 kb)
- [Airport Grant Procedures Manual](#) (pdf 517 kb)
- [Runway Safety Grants Guidelines](#)
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BENEFITS OF AIRPORTS

Select a specific area

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation is responsible for protecting and preserving Washington State's 139 public use general aviation airports. Airports are a vital part of the communities they serve and are an integral part of Washington State's transportation system.

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Things To Include With Your Grant Application

- Statement of support from appropriate elected official
- Adopted resolution stating matching funds are available and have been authorized by the appropriate governing body
- Supporting documentation
 - Preliminary plans and specifications
 - Project schedule
 - Property appraisals (land acquisition)
 - Detailed estimated costs and spending schedule
- Consultant selection process (engineering and planning projects)



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Resources

- www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/grants
- WSDOT Airport Aid Grant Procedures Manual
- General Aviation Construction Guidelines
- Washington Airport Pavement Management System

Upcoming Grant Cycles

- 1st round for 2007-2009 Biennium
 - Applications now being accepted through June 15, 2007
 - Grant awards to be announced by July 6, 2007
 - Anticipating \$1 million
- 2nd round for 2007-2009 Biennium
 - Call for grants February/March 2008
 - Grant awards April/May 2008
- Possible 3rd round in 2009?

Other Grant Opportunities

- WSDOT Aviation/FAA Runway Safety Grant Program - \$2,500
- WSDOT Security Grant Program - \$5,000

Things To Keep In Mind

- Plan ahead
- Project must be completed within biennium that grant is issued

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